

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY

LEGISLATIVE DIV.

AUSTIN, - TEXAS

Library

Austin, Texas

May 8, 1953

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE:

I am vetoing and returning herewith House Bill No. 323, for the reason that this act provides for the public sale of approximately 18,000 acres of State-owned lands and does not follow the general law requiring State property to be sold to the highest or the best bidder.

I assume this land was purchased by the State at same date in the past. I call your attention to the emergency clause which reads in part as follows:

".....that lands are of such irregularity in shape and extent that they cannot be fenced, controlled, or operated efficiently or economically....."

It appears to me that this matter should have been taken into consideration at the time of the purchase. If the land purchase program was handled in such a manner, I cannot approve legislation authorizing a sale that might result in the same type of errors.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN SHIVERS

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS